

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1 - 12 (canceled)

Claim 13 (currently amended): A method of configuring a language of a computer program, the method which comprises the following steps:

selecting a text memory wherein alphanumeric message character strings are associated with alphanumeric identification expressions including alphanumeric name descriptors and alphanumeric field descriptors, each respective alphanumeric field descriptor having an associated message character string;

checking each dialog element of a user interface of the computer program to determine whether a character string present in the respective dialog element includes a wildcard character string starting with a characteristic prefix followed by a name descriptor; and

finding in the text memory identification expressions  
associated with the wildcard character string contained in the  
computer program by evaluating a path for the wildcard  
character string, the path being formed using at least the  
name descriptor of the wildcard character string;

~~and~~ replacing the wildcard character string in the computer  
program with the associated message character strings in the  
text memory;~~, and thereby:~~

~~carrying out~~ the finding and replacing steps being performed  
during a runtime of an executable binary computer program; and

~~carrying out~~ the replacing step being performed by associating  
the message character strings with memory variables in the  
running computer programs.

Claim 14 (canceled)

Claim 15 (canceled)

Claim 16 (previously presented): The method according to  
claim 13, which comprising selecting the XML format for

configuring the text memory, and finding the identification expressions by interpreting XML tags.

Claim 17 (previously presented): The method according to claim 16, which comprises storing identification expressions and message texts in an XML table in the XML text memory.

Claim 18 (canceled)

Claim 19 (canceled)

Claim 20 (currently amended): A computer system with means for configuring the language of a computer program stored in the computer system, comprising:

a text memory having stored therein an association between alphanumeric identification expressions and alphanumeric message character strings including alphanumeric name descriptors and alphanumeric field descriptors, each respective alphanumeric field descriptor having an associated message character string;

means for checking each dialog element of a user interface of the computer program to determine whether a character string present in the respective dialog element includes a wildcard

character string starting with a characteristic prefix  
followed by a name descriptor; and

means for finding identification expressions in said text  
memory associated with said wildcard character string  
contained in the computer program by evaluating a path for the  
wildcard character string, the path being formed using at  
least the name descriptor of said wildcard character string;

~~and means~~ for replacing said wildcard character string in the  
computer program with the associated message character strings  
in said text memory; and

the computer program being in executable binary code; and

said means for finding and replacing being contained in the  
computer program.

Claim 21 (canceled)

Claim 22 (canceled)

Claim 23 (previously presented): The computer system according to claim 20, wherein said text memory is in XML format, and wherein name descriptors are shown as XML tag names and field descriptors are shown as XML attribute names.

Claim 24 (previously presented): The computer system according to claim 20, wherein a respective wildcard character string contains at least one XML tag name, and the wildcard character string starts with a characteristic prefix.

Claim 25 (canceled)